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TITLE 11
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RULE 11.0010
EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules shall apply to all general civil cases as defined in California Rules of Court 207(b) filed on or after July 1, 2002. In addition, they shall apply to general civil cases filed prior to that, as ordered by the court.

(Added 11-9-87, effective 1-1-88; Moved to Title 1 (Rule 1.0200) 10-17-98, effective 1-1-99; reinstated and amended 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03).

RULE 11.0020
PURPOSE

(Added. eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; deleted 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03)

RULE 11.0030
DELAY DEFINED

(Added, eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; moved to Title 1 as Rule 1.0200 entitled Case Management Policy 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03)

RULE 11.0040
GENERAL CIVIL CASES

(Added, eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; amended, eff. 1-1-89; deleted 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03)

RULE 11.0050
STATEMENTS OF POLICY

(Added, eff 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; amended 4-16-94, eff. 7-1-94; deleted 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03)

RULE 11.0060

NEW CASE ASSIGNMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES

- A. Upon the filing of a complaint, the cases will be assigned to a trial department for ALL PURPOSES.
- B. A Case Management Conference hearing date will be set all general civil cases. The Case Management Conference will combine the functions previously covered by at-issue conferences, status conferences for arbitration, initial settlement conferences, general trial conferences and status conference.
- C. The plaintiff or cross-complainant shall serve a copy of the Notice of Trial Department Assignment and Case Management Conference on all defendants/cross defendants or named or added to the complaint, and shall file proof of service thereof. The filing of a cross-complaint will not change the date initially set.

(Added 11-9-87, effective 1-1-88; amended 10-27-90, effective 2-1-91; amended 10-4-91, effective 1-1-92; amended 10-23-94, effective 1-1-94; amended 4-16-94, effective 7-1-94; amended 10-17-98, effective 1-1-99; amended 10-20-00, effective 1-1-01; amended 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03; amended 10-28-06, effective 1-1-07)

RULE 11.0070

DUTIES OF LITIGANTS

- A. Any party filing pleadings or motions thereby assumes the duty to insure that such proceedings progress without delay. Any party required to respond is charged with the duty of so doing without delay. Any extensions of time requested or extended are subject to the provisions of Rule 11.0150 herein. Any request for relief from default or sanctions for failure to so respond or otherwise comply with any of the provisions of these rules is subject to the public policy above stated.
- B. The duty to immediately notify the Court of a resolution of the case, as required by Rule 3.1385 of the California Rules of Court, shall be strictly enforced.

(Added 11-9-87, effective 1-1-88; amended 10-17-98, effective 1-1-99; CRC number corrected 1-1-07)

**RULE 11.0080
HEARINGS**

(Added, eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; Deleted 4-4-92, effective 7-1-92)

**RULE 11.0090
COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION**

Deleted 10-17-98, effective 1-1-99.

**RULE 11.0100
SERVICE OF PLEADINGS**

If a party fails to serve the complaint or cross-complaint and file proof of service as required by 3.110 of the Rules of Court, an order to show cause shall issue and be set for hearing within 30 days as to why the party or counsel should not be sanctioned by dismissal or otherwise.

(Adopted 1-1-86; amended 11-9-87, effective 1-1-88; amend. 10-21-89, eff. 1-1-90; amend. 7-1-90; amen. 10-4-91, eff. 1-1-92; amend 11-7-92, eff. 1-1-93; amend. 4-16-94, eff. 7-1-94; amend. 10-16-96, eff. 1-1-97; amend. 10-17-98, eff. 1-1-99; amended 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03; CRC number corrected 1-1-07)

**RULE 11.0110
CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

- A. A Case Management conference shall be set no later than 180 days from the date of filing. Each party who has appeared in the action must be present at the Case Management Conference unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- B. Pursuant to California Rules of Court 3.725, no later than 15 calendar days before the date set for the Case Management Conference, each party must file a Case management Statement. Whenever possible the parties should submit a joint Case Management Statement.
- C. Failure to comply with subsections (a) or (b) may result in sanctions.
- D. Parties may call a toll free number (800/458-2008) no sooner than 48 hours prior to the scheduled Case Management Conference to determine if it will be held.

(Adopted 1-1-86; amended 11-9-87, effective 1-1-88; amended 10-21-89, effective 1-1-90; amended 10-27-90, effective 1-1-91; amended 11-7-92, effective 1-1-93; amended 10-23-93, effective 1-1-94; amended 4-16-94, effective 7-1-94; amended 10-17-98, effective 1-1-99; amended 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03; CRC number corrected 1-1-07)

RULE 11.0120
PROGRESS FROM STATUS CONFERENCE TO TRIAL

(Adopted 1-1-86; Amended, eff. 11-9-87; eff. 1-1-88; amended, eff. 3-23-90; operative 6-1-90; amended 10-27-90, eff. 1-1-91; amended 4-4-92, eff. 7-1-92; amended 4-3-93, effective 7-1-93; deleted 10-23-93, effective 1-1-94)

RULE 11.0130
COMPLEX LITIGATION

- A. When any action is first designated by a party as General Civil-Complex, the designating document shall be accompanied by a declaration in support thereof showing that the case comes within the definition of complex litigation as stated in Rules 1800 et. Seq. of the California Rules of Court. The Court will issue its order approving or disapproving the designation.
- B. If a party designates a case as complex, the party is required to file and serve a Civil Case Coversheet pursuant to California Rules of Court 3.220. Failure to file proof of service may result in sanctions.

(Added 11-9-87, effective 1-1-88; amended 10-27-90, effective 1-1-91; amended 4-4-92, effective 7-1-92; amended 10-23-93, effective 1-1-94; deleted 10-17-98; effective 1-1-99; amended 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03; CRC number corrected 1-1-07)

RULE 11.0140
COLLECTION CASES

(Added, eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; amended 10-4-91, eff. 1-1-92; amend. 10-23-93, eff. 1-1-94; deleted 4-16-94, effective 7-1-94)

RULE 11.0145
UNINSURED MOTORIST CASES

- A. Cases shall be designated as "General Civil--U M" if they are actions for damages which are principally being sought under the uninsured motorist coverage of the plaintiff's auto insurance policy. Any complaint designated General Civil--U M shall be accompanied by a declaration by plaintiff; or if represented by plaintiff's attorney, a statement for the basis of such designation.
- B. Any case so designated by the plaintiff may be redesignated as General Civil by the Court on its own motion or by ex parte application of any party which shall be accompanied by a declaration stating facts showing the case does not meet the criteria stated in subsection A of this section.
- C. Two hundred-forty (240) days after such a complaint has been filed a Status Conference shall be set unless:
 - 1. A declaration has been filed by plaintiff stating that the case is being settled, or
 - 2. A declaration has been filed by plaintiff stating that a demand for arbitration has been made pursuant to the terms of the applicable policy of insurance, and recites the status of the arbitration proceeding.
- D. If the Court favorably considers a declaration filed under subdivision(2) of subsection C above, plaintiff shall within one hundred eighty (180) days after the filing of its earlier declaration(s) file additional declaration(s) under subdivisions(1) and (2) of subsection c, above, covering any subsequent one hundred eighty (180) day period.
- E. If coverage is denied in any responsive pleading to a complaint designated General Civil--U M or if any plaintiff seeks to add new parties, the case shall be immediately redesignated by the Clerk as General Civil and a Case Management Conference date will be set forthwith.

(Added, effective 1-1-89; amended 10-27-90, effective. 2-1-99; amended. 10-23-93, effective. 1-1-94; amended 10-17-98, effective. 1-1-99; amended 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03)

RULE 11.0150
EXTENSIONS OF TIME

(Added, eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; deleted 10-18-02, effective 1-1-03)

RULE 11.0160
CONFLICTING POLICIES

(Added, eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; deleted 4-16-94, effective 7-1-94)

RULE 11.0170
COURT ORDERS

(Added, eff. 11-9-87; operative 1-1-88; deleted 4-16-94, effective 7-1-94)

RULE 11.0180
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